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## 👉 Monthly Meeting 👈

The 2nd Tuesday of each month Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 pm, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass, 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach.

**Guests Are Always Welcome!**

**Club Website:**

[www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com](http://www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com)

**Club Calendar of Events:**

[www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tp\\_sOrnea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York&gsessionid=OK](http://www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tp_sOrnea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK)

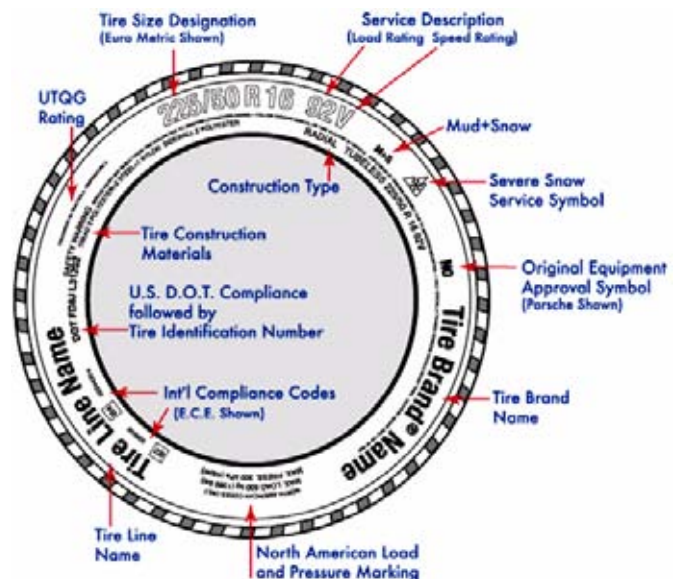
**Club FaceBook:**

[www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851](http://www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851)

## How to "Read" a Tire's Sidewall Codes

by Bill Unger

When it is time to replace tires, you have to know what size and type of tire will work best for your LBC. The information you need is molded into the sidewall of your tires. And although the brand and model names may be obvious, the rest of the "codes" may seem mysterious to decipher.



For a typical tire size of "P205/70SR15", the first letter "P" means passenger tire. The first number "205" is the tire's widest section width in millimeters.

(see Reading Tire Codes next page)

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## GSBCC Officers and Committee Chairs

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### Reading Tire Codes (cont.)

The second number is the tire's aspect ratio, or the ratio of the sidewall height to width (aka. "profile"). In this case "70" % of 205 mm is a sidewall height of 144 mm.

Some tires may be "speed rated". The above example has the letter "S" representing a speed rating of 112 mph. Speed ratings are determined by manufacturer testing, and generally, tires with higher speed ratings are more expensive and shorter-lived than tires with low speed ratings. Speed ratings use the following letter codes:

P = 93 mph	Q = 99 mph	S = 112 mph
T = 118 mph	U = 124 mph	H = 130 mph
V = 149 mph	W = 168 mph	Y = 186 mph
Z = 149 mph & over		

There may not be a very compelling argument for spending extra on "Z" rated tires for your A-H Sprite unless it has been retrofitted with a blown Corvette engine!

The third letter "R" means the tire is of radial construction, while the last number "15" indicates that this tire mounts on a 15-inch wheel.

Sometimes a load index and a speed rating are molded together following the size designation. A tire with "P205/70R15 85S" means that the load index is 1135 lbs with a speed rating of "S." Four of these tires can safely carry a maximum weight of 4540 lbs. (4 tires x 1135 lbs.) at 112 mph. Load ratings use the following designations:

75=853 lbs	85=1135 lbs	88=1235 lbs
91=1356 lbs	93=1433 lbs	105=2039 lbs

(see Reading Tire Codes next page)

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

by Ethan Johnson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at T-Bonz Restaurant at 6:30p by Vice President, Rod Smith.

Rod talked about topics the Brits at the Beach car show committee went over earlier that evening. We have an official permit from the City of Myrtle Beach, and the event is on the official Market Commons event calendar at <http://marketcommonmb.com/eventdetail.php?event=g3SV>.

Rod also reported that signs made for the show classes would cost \$6.25 each, with 36 classes, 36 signs would be made. Trophies are also being decided on by the Committee. There is about \$1000 to work with to purchase items for the show.

Jim Smith reported the Club has \$1205.27 in the bank, and a \$125 check was sent to Dennis Wunsch, raised by the Club to help him with fire expenses at his garage.

Jim Smith and Rod urged members to help with the show. If you are interested, please contact Jim Hendricks or Rod Smith.

Ethan Johnson

## Upcoming Events

**25-May-2013** Fifth Annual "Great Scot!" British Car Show, sponsored by Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club, info at [www.SBMOC.com](http://www.SBMOC.com).

**14-Sep-2013** British Motoring Club of Cape Fear Car Show Wilmington, NC. More info to follow later.

**18-20-Oct-2013** Euro Auto Festival Greer, SC. More info to follow later.

## Reading Tire Codes (cont.)

Some light truck "LT" tires use a different sizing system. A "LT 31X10.5R15" tire has a diameter of 31 inches and width of 10½ inches of radial "R" construction for a 15 inch wheel.

The very small moldings on a tire's sidewall refer to such information as Uniform Tire Quality Grades (UTQG) for treadwear, traction, and temperature resistance.

Treadwear measures how long the tread should last compared with a tire that the manufacturer selects as a reference standard of 100. A treadwear rating of "400" means that the tread wears four times longer than the standard. Traction is a measurement of a tire's ability to stop in a straight line on a wet road. The highest grade is "AA", with "A" good, "B" intermediate, "C" worst.

Temperature measures the ability to withstand heat build up caused by prolonged high speed driving, under inflation, or overloading. The highest grade is "A", with "B" intermediate, and "C" worst.

"M + S" has the minimum traction required for mud and snow, "Maximum Load" is the maximum weight a tire can support, "Maximum Inflation Pressure" is in psi.

"DOT Serial Number" represents the coded name and place of manufacture. The date of manufacture is shown by the last four digits of the serial number. For example, a "4005" means that the tire was made during the fortieth week of 2005. "Tire Construction" shows the number and type of plies (interwoven belts) which make up the tire's tread and sidewall.



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## Welcome to the Garage


by Jim Hendricks, President


"Welcome" new GSBCC member ...

Tom Pate

 Myrtle Beach, SC

 1976 MGB

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## Lowcountry Austin Healey Club of America Chapter

from email by Mike Lewis

A few Healey owners are in the process of starting up a Lowcountry chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America with the encouragement of the national club. Closest AHCA regional clubs for Healey owners in our area is Jacksonville, Charlotte and Atlanta. The national club wants to further the Austin Healey marque by getting as many owners involved as possible. For more information, contact Mike Lewis, Beaufort, SC, at tel (843) 271-4979.



## Work Begins on Buddy Batson's New Project

photos submitted by Patsy Batson

Here is our club President Jim Hendricks along with Ron Connors helping Buddy Batson unload his new "project" ... a 1961 Austin Healey Sprite. Or is it a 1962 MG Midget? Hard to tell from the photos. Hey, Patsy, are you sure that these are photos of a "car" project? By the looks of the cardboard boxes, one might think that the guys are just cleaning out junk from the basement or attic. Keep us posted on the progress!



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## Whole Cars For Sale

**1978 MGB** (photos below). Real good condition. Come see it .. best offer takes it home. Contact Rick Chandler at (843) 340-1017. (Jan12)



**1977 MGB V-8 Conversion** (photos below) Former GSBCC member Len Gwilliam suffered a severe stroke, and his wife Hildy is trying to sell his project car. It has a Range Rover aluminum 315 ci V-8, Mustang 5 spd manual transmission, British Racing Green with black and grey interior. \$7500 OBO. Call their mechanic Charlie Smith in Murrells Inlet at tel. (843) 457-9469 to see. More info at [myrtlebeach.craigslist.org/cto/3322879132](http://myrtlebeach.craigslist.org/cto/3322879132).

(Oct12)



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## Whole Cars For Sale (cont.)

**1952 Jaguar XK 120 Replica** for sale (photos below). Award winning Jag that's just fun to own. Built by Eagle Coachworks, Buffalo, NY. Registered as a 2001 kit car. Steel frame, fiberglass body, Mustang running gear. Driven for only 7800 miles, it has new tires, brakes, air shocks. \$18,000 OBO. Located in Murrells Inlet, SC. Contact Dave Mooney (843) 651-6170. (May 13)



**1976 Land Rover** for sale or trade. Mostly restored, mechanically sound, V8, right hand steering, soft top, 4x4 plus granny gear. Origin South Africa. Truly an ATV! \$2800. Contact Jim Smith at tel. (843) 907-0178 or [Casper1@sccoast.net](mailto:Casper1@sccoast.net). (Jan13)

**1953 MG TD** (photos below). Real solid car! Check out any time. Rick Chandler (843) 340-1017 or [rac1219@yahoo.com](mailto:rac1219@yahoo.com). Asking \$22k. (Feb12)



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## Whole Cars For Sale (cont.)

**1977 MGB** (photos next column) Excellent condition 97,000 miles. Factory overdrive 3rd & 4th gears (less than 20% MGB's had overdrive). Great paint, top excellent. Mallory dual point distributor, Weber side draft carburetor. Electrical parts replaced include hazard switch, turn signal switch, fan switch, headlight switch, door switches, radio with CD player & USB input. New oil sending hose, brake hose, valve cover gasket, all coolant hoses, fan belt, front end bushings, steering boots, alignment. New wheels & tires on front, antifreeze, oil & filter change, tune up. New transmission mounts, clutch slave cylinder, exterior rubber gaskets. New biscuit interior includes door panels, upholstery, rear panels, console cover, carpet. Only reason I am selling is that I have 2 of them and I like the other color better. Request more photos [bobputtbach@yahoo.com](mailto:bobputtbach@yahoo.com) tel. (703) 216-1510.

(May13)



## Bits 'n' Pieces

**For Sale Bullet Style Mirrors** \$60.00 for the pair new in box. Contact Jim Hendricks at (843) 902-0491. (Nov12)

**Wanted Water Pump for 1976 MGB** Contact Tim Roper at tel. (865) 765-8171 or [tim.ropermail@gmail.com](mailto:tim.ropermail@gmail.com). (Apr12)

**For Sale or Trade 1973 MG Midget Engine** Contact Jim Smith for info at (843) 907-0178 or [Casper1@sccoast.net](mailto:Casper1@sccoast.net). (Apr11)

## Not British, But It is For Sale

**2002 Mercedes Benz E320** for sale. Just turned 120K miles. Clean, well cared for, have all maintenance records, garage kept. White w/blue leather, sunroof. \$10,000. Call Bob Sachs at tel (843) 450-2577. (Nov12)

# BEHIND THE STEERING WHEEL (where there is always a loose nut)

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### Club Stuff For Sale

by Jim Smith, Club Regalia Chair

Remember that when you purchase any club paraphernalia, the price not only pays for the cost of the item, but any profits will benefit you by helping to offset GSBCC sponsored event expenses. Won't you please give? And give often? Okay, so here are your choices:

### T-Shirts Silkscreened

\$15 (2 for \$25)

### Sweat Shirts Embroidered

\$20



These shirts are top quality USA made Guildan, preshrunk, cool 100% cotton, with a large GSBCC logo on the back and a small GSBCC logo above the left breast pocket.

sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X to XXX Large

T-shirt color: white, black, beige

Sweat Shirt color: Morris Garages gray

### More Really Cool Stuff

Can Coozies \$3, Bottle Coozies \$5

Car Plates \$10

### Driving Caps

\$15

Traditional ball cap style which you wear on your head (forwards or backwards) to look "way cool" and to announce your car club affiliation with the GSBCC logo embroidered above the bill. Only one size but adjustable.

cap colors: British Racing green, Coventry blue, Morris Garages light gray  
(all with black bill)

### Stickers FREE!

(with shirt or cap purchase)



No, they don't cost a quarter, but it gives you an idea of the size. And get both logos on each sheet. They peel off to apply on the inside of your vehicle's glass without any wetting or other adhesives. But do they ever stick ... even through repeated cleanings! Cheap enough to go in all of the windows of your Lexus, Sea Ray, lake cabin, china hutch!

### Don't Wait .. Act Now!

There may be a limited selection with the most popular items, but I will have all of these items available at all club meetings and events. So purchase them then or give me a call to make other arrangements.





**Membership Application**

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Friend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If no email address notifications will be by snail mail

**Car Information for Membership Directory**

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
1.	_____	_____	3.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	4.	_____	_____

**MEMBERSHIP DUES \$25.00 annually (January to January)**

New members joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited for the following year

I give my permission to list my phone and Email address in the membership directory to be accessible to members only. YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

I agree to allow GSBCC to publish my photo(s) in print or electronic media including the GSBCC website and facebook page. YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

As a member of GSBCC, I agree to hold GSBCC, its Board of Directors, Officers, and organizers of events free from all liability for any accident or injury which may occur in connection with club events

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_

Please make your check payable to: **Grand Strand British Car Club**  
And mail to: 1413 Highway 17 South, Unit #193, Surfside Beach, SC 29575  
**Visit us on Face Book or Contact Jim Hendricks, President at 843-902-0491**

***Join the GSBCC Today!***